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**Office Action Summary**

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Applicant(s)

MAMIYA ET AL.

Examiner

Dalip K Singh

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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 20 October 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4, 13-16, 20-22, 27 and 28 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 13-16, 20, 22, 27 and 28 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 21 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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## DETAILED ACTION

### *Response to Amendment*

1. This Office Action is in response to applicant's amendment dated October 20, 2004 in response to PTO Office Action dated August 16, 2004. The amendments to claim(s) 1 and 21; and deletion of claims 13-16, 20, 22, 27 and 28 have been noted and entered in the record, and applicant's remarks have been carefully considered resulting in the action as set forth herein below.

2. Applicant's arguments have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103*

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claim(s) 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,606,343 to Tsuboyama et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,380,942 B1 to Hussain et al. and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,247,363 to Sun et al.

a. Regarding claim 1, Tsuboyama et al. **discloses** a host for executing an application (...numeral 4 denotes a host interface which in an interface between a host CPU (not shown)...Fig. 1; col. 2, lines 48-67), the host comprising a pre-processor (graphics processor 6, Fig. 1); and a display (display panel 18) connected to the host (...host CPU (not shown)...Fig. 1; col. 2, lines 48-67), the display (display panel 18) displaying an image, wherein said host (host CPU) transfers image data to the display (display panel 18), said display (display panel 18) includes a panel control (display

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controller 12, Fig. 1) for processing the image data, and a panel memory (line memory 14) for storing processed image data (...transfers the video data to the line memory 14...col. 4, lines 30-32), wherein the processed image data in the panel memory (line memory 14) is displayed as the image. However, Tsuboyama et al. **is silent about** the image data being packetized by a pre-processor. Hussain et al. **discloses** graphics process 116 creating rendering packets which store graphics commands such as rendering packet 200 which is a data structure (col. 5, lines 1-67). Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time invention was made to modify device as taught by Tsuboyama et al. with the feature "packetized image data" as taught by Hussain et al. **because** it provides a means for host processor and graphics processors to function in a relatively independent and asynchronous manner thus improving efficiently. However, Tsuboyama-Hussain **does not explicitly** detail the packetized image data having a header and body. Sun et al. **discloses** such packets which details headers and the payload (col. 3, lines 60-68; col. 4, lines 1-47). Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time invention was made to modify Tsuboyama-Hussain combination with the feature "packetized data structure" as taught by Sun et al. **because** it provides for error correction thus producing satisfactory images in case of errored packets being received.

b. Regarding claim 2, Tsuboyama et al. **discloses** wherein said display refreshes the image using image data stored in said panel memory (line memory 14)(col. 3, lines 41-67; col. 4, lines 1-41).

5. Claim(s) 3 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,606,343 to Tsuboyama et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,380,942 B1 to Hussain et al. and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,247,363 to Sun et al. as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,611,260 B1 to Greenberg et al.

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- a. Regarding claim 3, Tsuboyama-Hussain combination **is silent about** said host transfers image data showing a first resolution to said display and said display scales said transferred image data from having the first resolution to that having a second resolution. Greenberg et al. **discloses** at Fig. 5 a circuit for dimensioning an image using a vertical and a horizontal image scaling circuits which could be using linear interpolation or up and down sampler along with filter for enlarging or reducing an image (col. 8, lines 35-67). Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time invention was made to modify Tsuboyama-Hussain combination with the feature “scaling digital data of a pixilated image” as taught by Greenberg **because** it improves reliability and lowers cost.
6. Claim(s) 4 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,606,343 to Tsuboyama et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,380,942 B1 to Hussain et al. and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,247,363 to Sun et al. as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,097,364 to Miyamoto et al.
- a. Regarding claim 4, Tsuboyama-Hussain-Sun combination **is silent about** said host compressing image data and transferring compressed image data to said display and said display decompresses said compressed image data using said panel control. Miyamoto et al. **discloses** at Fig. 5 wherein compressed data is inputted which in turn is then decompressed by an expansion unit 8 for display (col. 7, lines 18-35; Fig. 5). Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time invention was made to modify Tsuboyama-Hussain-Sun combination with the feature “compressed data being decompressed on the display side” as taught by Miyamoto **because** it results in reducing the size of the display memory thereby resulting in cost-savings.

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***Allowable Subject Matter***

7. Claim 21 is allowed. Prior art fails to disclose **identification bits** for discriminating between color image data and monochrome image data and executing image data processing based on the identification bits.

***Conclusion***

8. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The following prior art teach image display system with plurality of display screens, resolution conversion, parallel processing, display memory, data packets with headers.

U.S. Patent No. 6,266,042 B1 to Aratani      U.S. Patent No. 5,923,339 to Date et al.

U.S. Patent No. 6,545,683 to Williams      U.S. Patent No. 6,486,865 B1 to Ishiyama

U.S. Patent No. 6,222,886 B1 to Yogeshwar      U.S. Patent No. 6,064,771 to Migdal et al.

U.S. Patent No. 5,406,306 to Siann et al.      U.S. Patent No. 6,128,015 to Zenda

U.S. Patent No. 6,029,046 to Khan et al.

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **Dalip K. Singh** whose telephone number is **(703) 305-3895**. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thu (8:00AM-6:30PM) Fridays off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, **Matthew Bella**, can be reached at **(703) 308-6829**.

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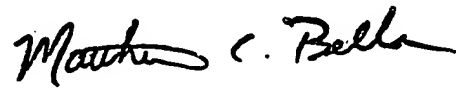
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January 5, 2005

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